

This action supplements the previous Allowance Action.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

2. The specification submitted by the Applicant on 12/09/2003 has been amendment as follows:

- "paragraphs 4 and 5" has been replaced with "paragraphs 1 and 2".
- "Table 1" has been replaced with "Table 1-1".
- "Table 2" has been replaces with "Table 2-1".
- "Table 3" has been replaces with "Table 3-1".

(see attached "Amended Specification").

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-42 remain allowed.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JACKIE ZUNIGA whose telephone number is (571)270-7194. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:30 A.M to 5:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ian Moore can be reached on (571)272-3085. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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